

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, April 6, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(155) In the matter of RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY - Docket N98.3.60; On March 19, 1998, Ronan Telephone Company filed tariff revisions to Internet Access Tariff reflecting minor text changes. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff revisions. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(156) In the matter of Docket T-97.15.PCN -- On March 20, 1997, Carol Place dba Tour de Great Falls applied for additional operating authority. A hearing on this matter was held on March 12, 1998. The parties have stipulated to the grant of authority with limitations. For action approving the Final Order No. 6446:

Class B - Passengers, by guided tours to and from points of historical, cultural, natural, and general sightseeing interests / attractions between all points and places in the state of Montana. Limitations: (1) Transportation of passengers in charter service is prohibited. (2) Transportation must not originate in Big Horn, Carbon, Flathead, Gallatin, Lake, Lincoln, Madison, Park, Sanders, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Treasure, or Yellowstone counties, or within the City of Butte and a five (5) mile radius thereof, and within the City of Billings and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof. (3) Transportation of passengers in luxury limousines in Flathead, Glacier, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli, and Sanders counties is prohibited. (4) Transportation must not originate or terminate in Missoula or Ravalli counties. (5) Transportation is restricted to that of vehicles with a rated seating capacity of twenty-five (25) passengers or less. (6) Transportation of passengers in motorized tours within the City of Virginia City and a two (2) mile radius thereof is prohibited, unless the carrier operating under PSC No. 9270 states it is unavailable to provide the requested motorized tour.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the grant of stipulated authority with one change - "or" to "and". Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously on a vote by the Quorum of Chair Fisher, Vice Chair McCaffree and Commissioner Anderson.

(157) In the matter of Docket TN1914 -- General Equipment Supply and Rental Company dba Montana Moving & Storage, Great Falls, Montana, PSC Nos. 372 and 9260, has filed an independent tariff replacing membership in ITB 27A. The new tariff filing reflects rate reductions as follows:

Item 240 - Expedited Service

Item 400 - Distance Commodity Rates

Both items involving mileage rates previously using a mileage break of 0 to 25 miles and proposing a mileage break of 0 to 30 miles.

Item 265 - Hourly Charges

Regular time per vehicle including driver: PRESENT \$38.50

PROPOSED \$38.00

Over time per vehicle including driver: PRESENT \$46.30 PROPOSED \$46.00

Item 610 - Bulky Items

Campers, unmounted, but designed for mounting and carriage on pickup trucks:

PRESENT \$177.25 PROPOSED \$150.00.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the tariff revisions.

Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(158) In the matter of Docket TN1916 -- Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc. dba Kalispell Taxi and Airport Shuttle Service, Kalispell, Montana requests permission to split PSC No. 9364 for leasing purposes. PSC No. 9364 presently reads:

Class B - Nonemergency medical and psychiatric patients to and from medical appointments at health care facilities within the following counties: Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Missoula, and Sanders. Limitations: Transportation must originate or terminate in Lincoln County.

SUB A Class B - Passengers, baggage and express between all points and places in Lincoln and Sanders Counties. Limitations: Transportation of railway crews is prohibited. Transportation by limousine is prohibited.

Flathead proposes the following:

to be retained under PSC No. 9364

SUB B Class B - Passengers, baggage and express between all points and places in Lincoln and Sanders Counties. Limitations: Transportation of railway crews is prohibited. Transportation by limousine is prohibited. 2) Transportation by limousine is prohibited. 3) Transportation of passengers, baggage and express between points and places in Libby, Montana and a thirty (30) mile radius thereof is prohibited. 4) Transportation of passengers, baggage and express between points and places in Eureka, Montana and a thirty (30) mile radius thereof is prohibited.

Sub C Class B - Passengers, baggage and express between all points and places in Eureka, Montana and a thirty (30) mile radius thereof.

Limitations: 1) Transportation of railway crews is prohibited. 2) Transportation by limousine is prohibited.

to be issued under PSC NO. 9404 for leasing purposes:

Class B - Nonemergency medical and psychiatric patients to and from medical appointments at health care facilities within the following counties: Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Missoula, and Sanders. Limitations: Transportation must originate or terminate in Lincoln County.

SUB A Class B - Passengers, baggage and express between all points and places in Libby, Montana and a thirty (30) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation of railway crews is prohibited. 2) Transportation by limousine is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the split of authority as requested. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(159) In the matter of Docket TN1917 -- Flathead Area Custom Transportation requests permission to lease the authority split from PSC No. 9364 and issued under PSC No. 9404 to Janie McNair dba Snappy Cab, Libby, Montana for a one year period, April 5, 1998 to April 5, 1999.

Class B - Nonemergency medical and psychiatric patients to and from medical appointments at health care facilities within the following counties: Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Missoula, and Sanders. Limitations: Transportation must originate or terminate in Lincoln County.

SUB A Class B - Passengers, baggage and express between all points and places in Libby, Montana and a thirty (30) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation of railway crews is prohibited. 2) Transportation by limousine is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the lease of the split portion for one year. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(160) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes of March 23, 1998 and March 30, 1998; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the weeks of March 23, 1998 and March 30, 1998. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 7, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent but left written votes.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(161) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PacifiCorp's Electric Restructuring Plan and pending motions -- Docket No. D97.7.91; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the order denying PacifiCorp's motion for reconsideration. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Dan Elliott

(162) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of its budget and travel expenditures; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve out of state travel for Karen Hammel to attend ROC meetings at Park City, Utah. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee, Jay Driscoll

(163) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the granting of intervention to Ronan, Hot Springs and Montana Telephone Associations -- Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant intervention to Ronan, Hot Springs and Montana Telephone Associations. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

On the same issue, Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a notice of filing which invites late intervention, and further moved to issue a protective order, accept the MCC/USWC settlement of MCC's motion, and direct staff to develop a procedural schedule with a hearing date not later than the end of June. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye by proxy cast by Commissioner Rowe.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, April 13, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(164) In the matter of MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. - Docket N98.3.73 - On March 30, 1998, MCI Telecommunications filed Transmittal Letter No. 98-08, proposing the following: (1) to add a footnote to the Person-to-Person surcharge for 1-800-COLLECT calls; and (2) extend the Intralata PBX Reprogramming Promotion and the 1+Local Toll Promotion ending date, from March 31, 1998 to June 30, 1998. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(165) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.2.41 -- On February 26, 1998, US West Communications filed to revise its exchange tariff to remove public, semipublic and coinless pay telephone service, and to modify tariff language to accurately reflect the deregulation of payphone services in response to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and subsequent FCC payphone orders, including deregulation of the coin rate at company payphones. A staff memo has been distributed. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the tariff revisions. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, Anderson, Oberg and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree dissented.

(166) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.63 -- On March 18, 1998, US West has filed Transmittal 98-12, Introduction of Super Savings calling Plan for residential and business customers. The plan provides an alternative to customers who are using dial around to send intraLATA traffic to their Interexchange Long distance Carrier. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the filing of Transmittal 98-12. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(167) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.64 -- On March 18, 1998, US West has filed Transmittal 98-13, Revisions to Start-Up and Upgrade Business packages, revising these program features. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the filing of Transmittal 98-13. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(168) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.70 -- On March 25, 1998, US West has filed Transmittal 98-14, Introduction of Optional Features for Centrex 21 Service. Several optional features will be offered at discount prices when purchased with Centrex 21 service. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve Transmittal 98-14. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(169) In the matter of Docket TN1918 -- Montana Tariff Bureau, Agent, has filed an amended rate in Household Goods Tariff No. 1, correcting item 610, Bulky Items, mounted campers on pickup trucks, resulting in a rate reduction, from \$177.25 to \$123.35. This filing is to correct a clerical error in the original filing of Household Goods Tariff No. 1. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the amended rate filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 14, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent by left written votes.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(170) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of pending federal legislation (ISTEA), especially as it regards charter bus transportation; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct the Chair to write letters to Senator Burns and the rest of the delegation outlining its continued opposition to the repeal of motor carrier regulation. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Wayne Budt

(171) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Three Rivers Disposal, Inc.'s application for a Class D authority -- Docket No. T97.111PCN; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue the default order granting Three Rivers the Class D authority. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson cast Commissioner Rowe's proxy aye.

(171a) In the matter of the City County Sanitation and petition to amend authority in PSC 2979; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the clarification to amend authority as such: Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson cast Rowe proxy aye.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(172) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's rate restructuring docket and motion in limine -- Docket No. D96.12.220; Commissioner Anderson moved to deny the US West motion in limine without prejudice. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4-0 Commissioner Rowe left no written comments or vote on this issue.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist, Eric Eck

(173) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPC's Electric Restructuring and pending motions -- Docket No. D97.7.90; Commissioner Oberg moved to deny MPC's motion for clarification in the main; but allow some consideration of USBC issues at attorney's procedural conference, and permit testimony of Phil Maxwell at Tier One hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Rowe left comments but no vote on this issue.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Joel Tierney

(174) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of West Yellowstone Gas -- Docket No. D95.4.15; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the final order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left written vote of aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCaffree, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Friday, April 17, 1998 the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner Fisher was absent and left proxy to Commissioner Oberg.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(175) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the USWC rate restructuring case -- Docket No. D96.12.220; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the motion in limine for US West witnesses other than Owen, Wilcox and Hayes, and deny the request for all remaining witnesses. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner Fisher's proxy aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCaffree, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, April 20, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(176) In the matter of PROJECT TELEPHONE COMPANY - Docket N98.1.5; On April 3, 1998, Project Telephone Co. submitted a revised tariff filing to propose changes to its existing custom calling and CLASS features, including name changes, service packages and reductions in minimum prices of eight detariffed custom calling features. This revised filing replaces the company's filing of January 21, 1998. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the revised filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(177) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.75; On April 1, 1998, US West has filed Transmittal 98-PLT03 revising cancellation charge assessment for private line transport services. the filing redefines critical dates and changes percentages assessed for cancellation charges applicable to Private Line transport orders. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Transmittal 98-PLT03. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(178) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.3.76; On April 1, 1998, US West has filed Transmittal 98-AC03 revising cancellation charge assessment for switched access services. The filing redefines critical dates and changes percentages assessed for cancellation charges applicable to Switched Access orders. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the tariff revision. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(179) In the matter of Docket T-98.1.PCN -- On December 30, 1997, Janie McNair dba Snappy Cab Company, Libby, Montana filed application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing transportation of the following:

Class B - Passengers (1) between all points and places within Libby, Montana and a thirty (30) mile radius thereof and (2) between Libby, Montana and a thirty (30) mile radius thereof and the Glacier International Airport, located near Kalispell, Montana.

Applicant has filed a motion to withdraw the application.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the request to withdraw the application. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(180) In the matter of TN1920 -- Clark's Tours, Inc., Red Lodge, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9388 to Michael J. Vick & Nancy E. Immel dba Red Lodge Shuttle, Red Lodge, Montana for a one year period, April 15, 1998 to April 15, 1999.

Class B - Persons and baggage (1) between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana; and (2) between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana on the one hand and on the other hand all points and places in the State of Montana.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the application continuation for one year. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(181) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for April 6, 1998 and April 13, 1998; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the weeks of April 6, 1998 and April 13, 1998 . Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, April 20, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left proxy to Commissioner Anderson.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(182) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the rulemaking regarding electricity supplier licensing and reporting rules -- Docket

No. L-97.8.6.-RUL; Commissioner McCaffree moved to publish the notice of public hearing on the proposed adoption of electricity supplier licensing and reporting rules. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented. Commissioner Anderson cast Commissioner Rowe's proxy aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent and left his votes as noted.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Wayne Budt

(183) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Three Rivers Disposal, Inc.'s request for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity -- Docket No. T-97.110.PCN; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the motion to substitute witnesses Griffen-Phoenix, Inc. as the protestant but deny the motion to reopen the hearing. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson cast Commissioner Rowe's proxy aye.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Scott Fabel

(184) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Southern Montana Telephone Company and pending objections and motions -- Docket No. D97.11.225; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant Southern Montana Telephone Company's waiver request of administrative rule (38.5.2803) on test year. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Rowe was absent and did not leave a vote on this issue.

On this same issue, Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the objection to USWC's Data Request Nos. 17, 23, 40 and 43. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Rowe was absent and did not leave a vote on this issue.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Kate Whitney

(185) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Stargate & USWC Agreement for Resale -- Docket No. D97.10.209; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the order rejecting the Amended Agreement and providing direction on remedial action and wording. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Rowe was absent and did not leave a vote on this issue.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(186) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC - AT&T Arbitration Order on Supplemental Disputed Issues -- Docket No. D96.11.200; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the staff draft of the order as the Commission's findings and issue the order. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5-0. Commissioner Rowe left a written vote of aye.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee, Jay Driscoll

(187) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's 271 Compliance Filing and pending motions -- Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the petitions to intervene and withdraw. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left a written vote of aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(188) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPC Gas Tracker - - Docket No. D97.11.212; Commissioner Oberg moved to vacate the hearing date and adopt the interim order as the final order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted Commissioner Rowe's proxy aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, April 22, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Eric Eck, Joel Tierney, Will Rosquist

(189) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPC's Electric Restructuring Transition Plan and motions -- Docket No. D97.7.90; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Order No. 5986 subject to editing denying MPC's motion for reconsideration. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, April 23, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Dan Elliott, Eric Eck, Will Rosquist, and Joel Tierney

(189a) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D97.7.90 -- the Commission's discussion of the buy-beck issue involved in the sale of MPC's generation assets; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve issuing a notice on the buy back issue advising MPC of its burden of proof on this. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion,

which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, April 27, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(190) In the matter of BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT - Docket D98.4.78; On April 6, 1998, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on April 9, 1998. Requests for hearing were due by April 27, 1998. No requests have been received. This application will decrease rates by \$170 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve Default Order No. 6062. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(191) In the matter of NORTHWESTERN TELEPHONE SYSTEMS - Docket N.98.4.79; On April 7, 1998, Northwestern Telephone Systems, Inc. filed tariff pages for PSC Mont. No. 11 changing the company's assumed business name of PTI Communications to CenturyTel. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(192) In the matter of NORTHWESTERN TELEPHONE SYSTEMS - Docket N.98.4.80; On

April 7,
1998, Northwestern Telephone Systems, Inc. filed tariff pages for PSC Mont.
ASC.3 (the access tariff)
changing the company's assumed business name of PTI Communications to
CenturyTel. Commissioner
Anderson moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded
the motion, which
passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Nickie Eck

(193) In the matter of Docket No. TN1921; Vern Reum dba Tire Depot,
Polson, Montana has requested cancellation of the operating authority
granted in Montana PSC No. 9360.

Class D - Used tires and wheels between all points and
places in Flathead, Lake, and Missoula Counties,
Montana, to points in Lake County, Montana.

Commissioner Anderson moved to grant cancellation of PSC No. 9360.
Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(194) In the matter of the approval of June 1998 Commission Calendar;
Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Commission Calendar for
the month of June 1998. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which
passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the
meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair

Bob Anderson, Commissioner
 Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left written votes.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Bonnie Lorang, Kate Whitney

(195) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of unauthorized switch of toll carriers, commonly called "slamming" and pending customer complaints; Commissioner Oberg moved to send a letter to Greg Eriksen of Business Discount Plan over the Chairman's signature stating the Commission's position that interstate and intrastate charges must be refunded to slamming victims. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(196) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPC Gas Pilot Program and pending motions -- Docket No. D98.2.28; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant late intervention to Montana Power & Trading Co.. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Martin Jacobson

(197) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPC Financing Order -- Docket No. D97.11.219; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
 ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
 Commission Secretary

(SEAL)
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